(i) delinking of National Talent Search Scholarships from the parental income of awardees;

(ii) awardees who had been paid reduced amount of National Talent Search Scholarship due to this linkage, be paid arrears.

(iii) awardees whose parental income is less than the prescribed limit be given double the scholarship amount.

The Government of India has, however, found it appropriate to link the quantum of National Talent Search Scholarship to parental income.

Teaching of Psychology in Homoeopathic Colleges

4033. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Psychology is included as a subject in the syllabus for prescribed homoeopathic students by the Central Council of Homoeopathy;

(b) if so, whether this subject is tought and qualified lecturers in psychology are employed in all the homoeopathic colleges in the country; and

(c) if not, the steps being taken to recruit qualified lecturers to teach spychology in the context of homoeopathic system of medicine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) Only the basic elements of Psychology have been included as "Introduction to normal Psychology" in the curriculum by the Central Council of Homoeopathy.

(b) The Central Council has not yet planned any detailed courses on normal and abnormal psychology. At present the basic elements of psychology are being taught by the teachers of general medicine with a view to utilising the knowledge for proper understanding of the case for homoeopathic treatment.

(c) There is no proposal at present under consideration of the Central Council to include psychology as a special subject in the curriculum for homoeopathic students.

Abolition of Dock Labour Boards

4034. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to abolish the Dock Labour Boards and merge them with the Port Trusts; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The Major Ports Reforms Committee in its report has recommended that the cargo handling labour currently under the Dock Labour Boards and under the Port Trust should be under single administrative control of the Port Trust Management so as to ensure unified control, rational use of manpower, interchangeability and direct employer-employee relationship. No decision has been taken by the Government in this regard.

Widening of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

4035. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some National Highways in Andhra Pradesh are likely to be widened, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what amount has been allocated for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Some stretches of National Highways No. 5, 7, 9 and 43 passing through Andhra Pradesh are proposed to be widened. Details thereof are given in the attached statement (*See* below).